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When Boney Crowed

BONEY QUILLIAN was a tiny bantam chicken with red and green feathers. Dorothy's uncle gave him to her one time when she and her par-ents were making him a visit. When Dorothy and Uncle Joe were putting Boney into a basket and making ready to cover him with a piece of cloth, so that Dorothy might safely carry him home with her, Boney gave a shrill little crow, and looked straight into Dorothy's eyes with a wise, friendly little look, as much as to say, "We are going to be the best of friends." And sure enough they were.

When Dorothy reached home and took Boney out of the basket, he showed great interest in his new surroundings, and immediately chose the lower rung on Dorothy's high chair to roost on. Every night, when bedtime came, he would jump upon the high chair, crow loudly several times, then jump down and perch on the lower rung, tuck his head under his wing, and continue to peep until he had fallen fast asleep.

At mealtime, he often sat on Dorothy's shoulder; and when her mother scolded Boney, as

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she sometimes had to, he would hide under Dorothy's long curls, He knew this to be a safe hiding place, and would keep perfectly still.

Boney and Dorothy were great chums. When Dorothy and her young friends played in the yard, Boney Quillian would stay close by her; and when she gave her dolls a tea party, he had his little plate, and ate crumbs and cracked corn very daintily, behaving quite as well as the dolls.

Boney Quillian and Old Shep, the dog, were a long time in making friends with each other. But after a while, they grew chummy; and it was a pleasing sight to see Boney, when Old Shep lay down to take his nap, jump upon Old Shep's shoulder and cuddle down for a rest too. All would go well until Old Shep stirred in his sleep. Then Boney would straighten up and crow, then Old Shep would growl and bark, and this would frighten Boney nearly into fits.

Sometimes Dorothy's mother would say: "Oh, Dorothy, I do get so tired of that little chicken! I sometimes wish we did not have him." Then Dorothy would only hug Boney a little closer and say, "Dear mother, I do love him so well, and I am sure he loves us; and even if he is only a little bantam, he is knowing, and would do anything for us he could."

And sure enough, a time came when Boney Quillian was able to show just how much he loved Dorothy and his home, and he did them all a service that made him quite a hero.

One night, when Boney and Old Shep and all the rest in the farmhouse were peacefully sleeping, Boney was suddenly awakened by a strange, bright light, which shone right into his eyes through the uncurtained kitchen window. He opened his eyes, and thought: "Why, what a short night! It must be morning. How in the world did I oversleep like this!"

He crowed at the top of his voice, again and again. Finally he so disturbed Old Shep that the dog woke up, and growled at Boney to stop.

But Boney still kept on crowing, and Old Shep began to bark at him, louder and louder. They made such a noise that Dorothy's father came to see what all this racket was about. He saw the strange light, and glancing out of the window, discovered that the big farm barn was on fire. He called the hired man, and, after some very hard work, succeeded in putting it out.

After that, Boney was made a great pet of by all Dorothy's family. He had not only been the means of saving the big barn, and the horses, and the cows, but possibly the house. ETHEL WEBB. Our Little Friend, April 11, 1919 = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Straight Way

OH, come on, Delmer! We're going to have a great ball game. We have only an hour to play, so come on. You're a fine pitcher, and we need you."

"Sorry, John, but I can't. Mother's away, and I have to hurry back to start the fire." "Ah, come on!" said John. "You didn't use to act that way. You surely aren't your ma's baby, Del!"

"Well," said Delmer, "I'll go some other time, but not now." So saying, he went on to the store, got his package, and was hurrying home when he met Jack Turner. "Oh! Hello there, Del! Come see my new bicycle. It's a fine one. Just got it. Come on." And taking Del's arm, he tried to pull him along. "Can't, Jack; for I have to get home quick, before mamma comes from work. Good-by."

And he was off. Turning a corner, he saw the circus parade of animals passing along the street. It was a big temptation to run up a block or two

and watch. He loved the animals in the city park, and here were some new ones. But, "No," he thought, "I must hurry; for I failed mamma once, and I don't want to fail her again."

So he trudged on, thinking how hard his little mother was working to buy him food and clothes. It seemed to Delmer he had never before seen so many interesting things to stop and look at as he had seen this afternoon. But he felt happy, for he was being strong and brave, and he knew how pleased his mother would be.

On entering the yard, he looked up, and then stopped short. "What can be the matter?" he said to himself; for all the blinds were drawn, and the lights were on. It was only dusk, and never before had the house been lighted up so early. Why, the boys were still playing ball!

He hurried up the steps; and as he opened the door, the hall seemed to be full of boys and girls, who called out, "Surprise!" Delmer surely was surprised.

"I forgot all about my birthday," he said; and turning to his mother, he exclaimed, "Mam-ma, how did you get off so early?"

"Oh, I asked to be let off this afternoon so I could help my boy to have a pleasant time," she said.

Tears came to Delmer's eyes; but he brushed them back as he said: "My! How pretty everything is! We will have lots of fun." And they did; for they played games, popped corn, told stories, and had all kinds of bean bag and potato races. A pretty cake with Delmer's name frosted on it greatly pleased him; and when the lemonade was passed, he exclaimed: "My favorite color, pink! Well, well!"

After the children had been called for by their parents, Delmer said to his mother: "Such a happy birthday, mamma! Thank you so much!" Then he told her about how he was tempted to stop on the way home that night. "How glad I am that I didn't!" he exclaimed. "I'm glad you are not easily turned aside," replied his mother. Madge E. Moore. O.L.F. April 11 1919 = ^ .. ^ =



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The Truth About Harry Potter

Do you think that you would be able to identify a person who is working for Satan and has evil angels controlling or helping him? I am sure you think you would, perhaps you say that they would be weird people, sneaking around in the dark and doing strange things. Maybe some are, but I have to tell you today, that most are not!

Remember that the Bible tells us that Satan is now coming as an angel of light and his angels too. What is an 'angel of light' to you? Perhaps you are in trouble, or having a hard time and someone comes along and is so nice to you, and they help you with your problems, and soon you are feeling so happy about that person. You say, "My, you have been a real angel to help me like this!"

Now maybe this person is a good friend, who honestly helps you, and maybe they are a real Christian, who loves Jesus with all their heart and shows His love to others all the time. But Maybe; this is one of those 'angels of light' that are really 'angels of darkness!'

I want you to learn a secret that most people don't know about; the same devil that can cause people that he controls to do very bad things, can cause them to be real good, nice and sweet also! Oh, yes, he does it all the time. One of the ways he tricks people into marrying his agents, is by making this man or lady so nice that the Christian person is totally fooled. They think, "Oh this man/lady is such a good person, I know they don't believe in my religion, but with such a good person, I am sure it is OK anyway."

Oh yes indeed! And hundreds of young Christian people are fooled by this and choose for close friends, or even marry people who are of other religions, or that don't even believe in God; just because Satan was making that person be Oh so nice to them! Then, after Satan gets them married, he has lots of fun, because by disobeying God's commandment in the Bible, that we are not to marry unbelievers, he has caused us to sin against God.

This removes some of God's protection from us and allows evil to come in and meddle in our lives. AND he then gets this person that he controls to be as bad and as mean as before the marriage they were nice! The Lord Jesus had

Ellen White write to us the warning, that if we marry those who do not believe the message we believe, we will have a home where the shadows are never lifted!! Yes, and Satan's angels are lurking in those shadows. Instead of our home being a little heaven to go to Heaven in, it will be a little hell on earth!

I want you to take a special look at these words from the Desire of Ages. If some of the words are too big for you, ask someone to help you understand it. It is so very important that all of us understand it.

"When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan.

"But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one. We must inevitably be under the control of the one or the other of the two great powers that are contending for the supremacy of the world. It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end." D of A. Pg. 324

The first part tells what wonderful things that Jesus will do for you when you give all your heart to Him. The second part warns us

that if we don't give ALL our heart to Jesus, Satan still has power over us, and sooner or later, we will be captured by him and dirtied and destroyed.

This also warns us that if our friends are the kind of people who may go to church or claim to be Christians, but still like to do worldly things and have worldly entertainment as often as they can; they are still people controlled by Satan and he can work through them to tempt us and do us harm.

You see, most of us have been taught to think that all of us are really good people at heart. But do you know a secret? This is a lie - and it comes from spiritualism! The Bible says nothing like this at all. The Bible says: "...there is none good but one, that is, God." Mark 10:18

What does the Bible warn us about our 'good hearts'? "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9. So if you think people, including yourself, are 'basically good hearted', then you are fooled already, by one of Satan's lies.

Notice that it does not just say 'deceitful', which means it lies to us, but that it is deceitful 'above all things'! In other words, your heart and my heart are the biggest liars around!

God is telling us that our hearts, that is our inside mind and feelings, are so tricky that we even fool ourselves! We need to pray and ask Jesus to show us the truth about our 'heart' so we can ask Him to come in and change those tricky, wicked hearts.

Until a person has done this and Jesus is truly in charge of that person's tricky heart, he can still be used by Satan to do his nasty work!
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Prayer is Answered

POEM

Temptations

Cornelia Snow

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs 15: 3.

SOME people think that little folks, Have no temptations strong;

But if you were a girl in school, You'd find that they are wrong.

When Jennie Smith, behind her book, Whispers across the aisle,

I do not answer her at all, But just look up and smile.

And then perhaps she'll toss her head, And say, upon the sly:

How good some people are today! You must be going to die."

Of course, it's very hard to bear, But I try not to mind.

I know that it is wrong to grieve My teacher good and kind,

And then my lessons are so hard, Some days I'm tempted quite

To copy work from Jimmie Jones. He's nearly always right.

At once I seem to hear a voice, Deep down within my heart

Which says: "You must not do it, dear. Bid sinful thoughts depart."

My mamma says, "Just do your best At each appointed task,

Be honest, truthful, kind, and frank, And that is all I ask"

The girls don't like poor Betsy Lee. They treat her with disdain,

And say her people are not nice, That all her clothes are plain.

I know the Lord is much displeased, With proud and haughty folks;

And yet I'd always rather play, With dainty Jessie Oaks.

I mean to pray more earnestly, To be made pure within,

That I may always love the good, And hate the thought of sin. Feb. 2, 1917 = ^ .. ^ =



Year 2: 4th Quarter:
“FROM THE WILDERNESS TO CANAAN”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 9: “JOSHUA’S
LAST WORDS”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “...Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

Sunday

Text: Joshua 22:9-11 “And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.”

After Israel had received their land, the men of the tribes of Gad and Rueben and half of Manasseh were given permission to return to their land that had been given them on the other side of the Jordan River. Faithfully these men had left their wives and children and continued to travel and fight with the rest of Israel until they too should have their lands.

Now when these men went to their lands they built a large altar on the other side of the river. When the rest of Israel heard about it, many were all ready to go and attack their brothers and destroy them, because they said that God commanded not to build other altars, only where the sanctuary is, was there to be sacrifices offered.

Some of the people were more wise though, and they decided to send some of the leaders and princes of the tribes and ask the tribes on the other side of the river why they had done this and give them a chance to explain before any action was taken.

So they did this, and the tribes explained they had only done this to have something to show to their children that they were also a part of Israel and worshippers of the True God of Heaven. They said they would not offer any sacrifices there but come over to worship on the special times at the Sanctuary in Shiloh.

“And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the LORD is God.” Joshua 22:34

So the people were happy about this and very glad that they had not attacked their brothers by mistake. There were two mistakes here that we need to learn about; first the tribes over the river should have told what they were planning to do first, before they did it. This would prevent any question of evil.

The second mistake was in those who wanted to rush right out and attack without talking to their brethren first to find out the truth. It is so easy for us to see someone do something we think is wrong and right away turn against them. We need to go and kindly ask the person about it and hear what he has to say, before we stop being their friend.

Thought - This is what Jesus said; if your friend or brother does something bad to you, you need to talk to them about it, maybe they did not mean it like you think, or maybe they

did not realize it hurt you.

Monday

Text: Joshua 23:4-7 “Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside there from to the right hand or to the left; That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them.”

Israel had been helped by the Lord in a mighty way to drive out and destroy the wicked nations of Canaan as God had commanded until they had enough land to settle into. Sadly, then they did not continue to drive them out until they had all the land God told them to take.

Each tribe had been ordered to fight and defeat the heathen still in their areas, and God had promised to give them total victory. God also warned them that if they did not obey Him and drive out ALL the heathen, that they would be a snare to the children of Israel, to tempt them to wrong. God warned them not to join or copy any of the ways of the heathen. They were not to join in with their holidays or even learn about them.

Sadly Israel settled down to enjoy what they had and did not go on to do the rest of the work God had given them to do. If they would have driven them all out, there would have been no wicked Philistines and others to come and make slaves of the Israelites as we know happened later on.

We easily can make the same mistake today. When a person first learns about Jesus and decides to give their hearts to Him, they need to give all their hearts. And right away get busy and ‘drive out’ with the help of Jesus, all the ‘heathen’ and worldly things from their lives and their homes.

If we don’t get rid of the fiction books, games, cartoons and movies, and the wrong kinds of music, later these things are a snare to us, and we gradually settle down and think, “Oh these things aren’t so bad. I don’t need to be so fussy. I gave my heart to Jesus, but He doesn’t expect me to give up all my fun.”

As long as any worldly habits and entertainments are in our lives, we have not given ALL our hearts to Jesus.

Thought – Jesus will not live in a corner of our hearts, or even in ‘most’ of our hearts. To have His power and protection and guidance, we must give Him ALL our heart!

Tuesday

Text: Joshua 23:1,2 “And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age.”

You remember that Caleb and Joshua were the oldest men in Israel now. After many years, Joshua knew he was soon going to die. He was very old and also very worried. He saw that the children of Israel had not obeyed God to drive out the rest of the heathen from their lands. Already he saw signs that the heathen practices were affecting Israel.

You know that if we do not stay away from evil things, driving them out of our lives and refusing to have anything to do with them, not choosing for our friends anyone who does them, we start to think that these things are not so bad after all. Bit by bit our eyes get blinded until we say that bad things are OK and soon we say that good things are bad.

Like I said, if we don’t follow Jesus ALL the way and choose to obey Him in ALL things, He does not live in our hearts. We may go to church and call ourselves Christians, but Jesus is not in total charge of our lives. This leaves Satan able to come close to us and harm us and tempt us and trick us. Sooner or later one of two things has to happen; either we repent and turn to Jesus and give Him ALL our heart so he can move in and throw all the sin out, or

we will gradually go closer to Satan and the worldly things, until we are not all that interested in Jesus anymore and we really belong fully to Satan.

Many people today are like this, and yet they often still go to church! But when somebody points out that they should not play certain games, or watch or read fiction and listen to Rock music, they get angry and refuse to listen to the warning. It will be very sad for these people in the judgment when Jesus says, "Go away from Me, I don't know you. You have chosen the world and must perish with the world."

Thought – How easy it would have been for Israel to obey God and get rid of the wicked nations right away! How easy it is for us to get rid of all the wrong things in our lives and give Jesus ALL our hearts. But later on, if we wait, like Israel of old, these things destroy us.

Wednesday

Text: Joshua 23:12-14 "Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof."

Joshua did just like Moses had done just before he died. He called the people together and he reminded them of all their history. He told them about how God have fought for them and showed them how God had kept every one of His promises to them.

Then he urged them to keep their promises to God. To drive out the heathen, to have nothing to do with their idols or their holiday feasts. To refuse to even learn about their false reli-

gions.

And just as Moses did, he told them of the promised blessings to the obedient and he warned them that if they failed to obey and follow the Lord, the curses would come to them until they were destroyed.

Joshua knew that Satan fools many with the idea that God's love for His people is so great that He will excuse their sins. He tells them that God does not really mean it when He says He will punish and destroy those that cling to sin. Satan says that God's love is so great He would never destroy those He loves.

But always God has shown mankind that sin's sure result is misery and death. Sins that are not given up and gotten out of our lives by the power of Jesus' blood and the Holy Spirit living inside us are not forgiven and can't be forgiven. God cannot lay aside His law, if He did that, the whole creation would soon be destroyed by sin.

People think God is too loving to punish sin and destroy those who refuse at last to give it up, But God is too loving not to uphold the Law which keeps the whole universe safe. A Law with no penalty for breaking it-is worthless.

Think about it this way, if there was a large family of children and the bigger ones would hurt the little ones. What would you think of the parents who just let this happen and said, "Oh, I love my children so much, I can't punish any of them!" That would not be real love, would it? Real love and justice have to live together. What would happen to us if God allowed Satan to do whatever he wanted to?

Thought – God has given for us everything we need to be free from sin and ready to live in Heaven, but one thing we have to do, we have to choose to Trust and Obey.

Thursday

Text: Joshua 24:14-16 "Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but

as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.”

Joshua had asked the priests to bring the Ark of God to the place where he was giving his final sermon and guidance to the people. The Ark being there made the people realize how important and solemn this meeting was.

Now after the people had said that they would serve the Lord, Joshua told them something very important.

“Ye cannot serve the Lord,” said Joshua: “for He is a holy God; . . . He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.”

He told them that they could not serve the Lord even if they wanted to! They needed to repent of their sins and trust in the coming Messiah for forgiveness and power to live a life obeying God’s Laws. They had broken His law, it condemned them as transgressors, and it gave no way of escape. They must not rely upon their own efforts for salvation, they must trust wholly in the promised Saviour, if they would be accepted of God.

Joshua tried to get them to see that they could not just ‘say so’ and it would magically ‘be so’ that they would follow God, because without the Power of God in their hearts by faith in the coming Saviour, they could not obey God.

With deep earnestness the people said again: “Nay; but we will serve the Lord.” and once more replied: “The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey.

Joshua knew that most of them were making the same mistake their fathers made at Mount Sinai, thinking that they were ‘basically good people’ and could keep the Law of God by themselves. He set up a huge rock as a pillar to remind them of their promise and let them go to their homes. There was no more he could do. His work for Israel was now finished; he had been faithful to the end.

Thought – Always remember, it is only by Jesus living in our hearts that we can do right, there is no good in any of us, except in Jesus.

Friday

Text: Joshua 24:29 “And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and

ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash. And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.”

Time passed and one by one the elders who had seen the mighty works of God died and were laid to rest. The people of Israel while they were strong could have driven out and destroyed the Canaanites out of the land, but they did not do it.

They liked their ease and their pleasure. It was too much work to get busy and obey the Lord and get the job finished that he had asked them to do. So instead they made these people pay them money, a tax for being able to live in the land. In this way they used disobedience to God as a way of making money for themselves.

But it was cursed money. Just as God had warned and Joshua and Moses had reminded them, these heathen people were a danger and a snare to them. It was like keeping a bunch of poisonous serpents around them; sooner or later, someone would be bitten.

As the Elders died, the strong voices warning the people against heathen worship stopped one by one. The younger generations had made deals with the heathen and as they associated with them bit by bit the idol worship and heathen worship did not seem so bad after all.

The pagan holidays were exciting and interesting times, with pageants and feasts, special music and dancing, plays and celebrations. As the Israelites saw these things, after a while they began to join in, just to be friendly of course.

Then they began to bring some of the false ways into their own worship, after all, they thought, ‘we can have a feast like that and say it is for our God’. But as they did this little by little, more and more the protection of God was removed, and the heathen got stronger, and Israel got weaker. It happened so slowly that few noticed the change.

Thought – Boys and girls, if you want to have the real power of Jesus in your life, get busy today and get all the ‘heathen idols’ out of your life and out of your house too! Don’t choose for your close friends people who do not know and love Jesus with all their hearts. = ^ . ^ =